

Minor's Assent Form Guidelines

Project Title: _____

IRB Number: _____

Principal Investigator: _____

Why am I here?

We are doing a research study. A research study is a special way to find out about something. We are trying to find out **[state the purpose of the study in simple language]**. You are here because we think you can help us, and we want to know if you want to be part of the research study.

What will happen to me?

Only if you choose to be in the study, we will ask you to **[state what the child will be asked to do in simple language. Include how many times they will be asked to do something]**.

Will the study hurt?

We want to tell you about some things that might happen to you if you are in the study. **[Describe the risks – e.g., painful procedures, other discomforts, things that take a long time]**.

Will I get anything for being in the study?

[Describe possible direct benefits. For example: "If you decide to be in this study, some good things might happen to you. (Description). But, we don't know for sure that these things will happen. We might also find out things that will help other children some day." If there are no direct benefits, state so – "I'm sorry, but no. You will not get anything for being in the study."]

Do I have to be in the study?

You don't have to be in this study. It's up to you. If you say ok now, but want to stop later, that's ok too. All you have to do is tell us.

If I say no, will I be punished?

If you say no now, you will not be punished.

If I start, but change my mind, will I be punished?

If you say ok now, but want to stop later, you will not be punished. Just tell us.

What if I have questions?

You can ask questions at any time. Do you have any questions now? **[Answer any questions]**. If you have any questions later, please ask.

Will you tell anyone what I did in the study?

When we finish the study, we may talk to people about what the study showed us, but we will not talk about you or what you did.

I, _____, want to be in this research study.
(Print or type your name here)

(Signature of Subject, if possible)

(Age)

(Date)

(Signature of Witness)

(Date)

(Signature of Investigator)

(Date)